CHARLES CITY IS A FINE COUNTY

of the State.

COURT HOUSE ANCIENT

An Intelligent and Faithful Set of Offi cers-Jamies River Fisheries are Valuable but all its Citizens are Cultivators of its Generous Soll.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLES CITY, C. H., VA., Jan. 31. From the days of its early settlement about the year 1634 Charles City county has been one of the most widely-known in the State. It was originally one of the eight shores into which the State of Virginia was divided, and at that early day extended along both banks of James The present boundaries are the Chickahominy river on the north and east, James river on the south and the county of Henrico on the west. In spite small area of the present county it has always held its place in the march days of the present time for its many

historic homes and its charming social life. Novelist and magazine writers have in recent years written in glowing colors of the many great plantations that lie along the ban's of James river. The limited space allotted to this article presents anything but the briefest mention of these famous estates, among the most notable of which are Shirley, the ancestral home of the Carters; Berkley the birthplace of which are Shirley, the ancestral home of the Carters; Berkley the birthplace of the Son, John Tyler, and the birthplace of his son, John Tyler, and the birthplace of his son, John Tyler, afterwards President of the United States; Sherwood Forest, the home of President Tyler, and now the residence of his son, the Hon. D. G. Tyler; Burlington, the home of the late Judge John M. Gregory, at one time Governor of Virginia; Wyanoke, which was granted to Captain Joseph Harwood in the year 1655 by King Charles II. and still owned by his descendants, the Douthat family; Woodburn, the residence of Judge Isaac H. Christian and at one time the home of President John Tyler, and Littington, the beautiful estate of the Lightfoots.

COUNTY SEAT.

The county seat, Charles City Courthouse, is comprised of the court-house, a county seat, Charles City, which is supposed to have been standing for nearly three hundred years; a very preity fire proof clerk's office built of brick, which was erected two years ago at a cost of £5,000; the Jali, one store, a tavern, a wheelwright and blacksmith shop, Charles City, like many of the Tidewater counties, has no village or town of any size in it. The wealth and social life of the community have been represented by the families owning the large plantations scattered throughout the courty.

Charles City Court-House has been the scene of many gatherings, political and dispersed them, and once during the familes of the went of the confederates; but the greatest day in the annals of the little hamlet and in fact that of the county was when the simple but beautiful shaft of Virginia granite, whi

torney; John F. Nance, sheriff; Hartwell, deputy sheriff; C. L. Babcock, treasurer; A. Q. Franklin (colored), commissioner of revenue, and E. C. Harrison, superintendent of public instruction.

Judge Christian belongs to a family who have been identified with the growth of the county since its settlement. He is the son of James H. Christian, a successful lawyer and planter, member of the Legislature and for many years a presiding justice in the magisterial court, and Grandson of Captain Joseph Christian, of the Revolution, commonly called "Fighting Joe," who distinguished himself at "Stony Point" with "Mad" Anself at "Stony Point" with "Mad" Anthony Wayne and stood at the head of his company closs to General Washington at Yorktown. Junge Christian was educated at Richmond College and Columbian University, Washington, D. C., took law course at William and Mary with Judge Beverly Tucker, taking degree of L. B., after which he engaged in oppractice of law in this and adjacent Counties. The war coming on heartered at York close. The General Washington at York clown. Juge Christian was educated at Richmond College and Columbian University, Washington, D. C. took law course at William and Mary with Judge Beverly Tucker, taking degree of L. B., after which he engaged in Joparatice of law in this and adjacont counties. The war coming on he entered the Confederate army; his war record was a good one and he was wounded at "Todd's Tavern" in a cavairy skirmish between Fliz. Lee and Sheridan, and once in the Valley while serving with Rosser. He has held the position of judge for the counties of Charles City and New Kent since 1873 with the exception of the Readjuster Regime.

His siriot attendance to his duties and his unfailing courtliness of manner to all who approach him have won for him the love and respect of the citizens of bounthes on which he holds his court.

THE CLIFIK.

The county clerk, John E. Major, is a mative of Charles City and resides on the plantation which has been owned by his family for over two hundred years.

Mr. Major entered the Confederate army at the beginning of the war and served to its close, serving as private orderly sergeant and lleutenant of Company K. of Flity-third Virginia Regiment, Armistenda Division, and Flekett's Brigade.

Mr. Major also took part in the naval engagement in Flampton Roads and fought on board the Patrick Henry. He was wounded three times during the war, He scived his county as commissioner of rovenue from 1872 to 188, with the exception of two years, and has sewed two terms as coupts.

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Methodist churches; Lower Mt. Pleasant, and Mancalt, the Baptist churches, and Bethany, the Presbyterian church.

The ediored people have the following churches: Elam, Parish Hill, Little Elam, New Yine and others. Old Samaria Church, once used by the Methodists, but now in disuse, was occupied for some days by wounded and sick Federal sold diera during the late war.

sided in this state for many years. He is a prospecius farmer and is considered by the citizens of Charles City to be one of the best officials the county has even had.

A. Q. Franklin, commissioner of rovening, has been failthful in the discharge of his duties and makes a trustworthy officer.

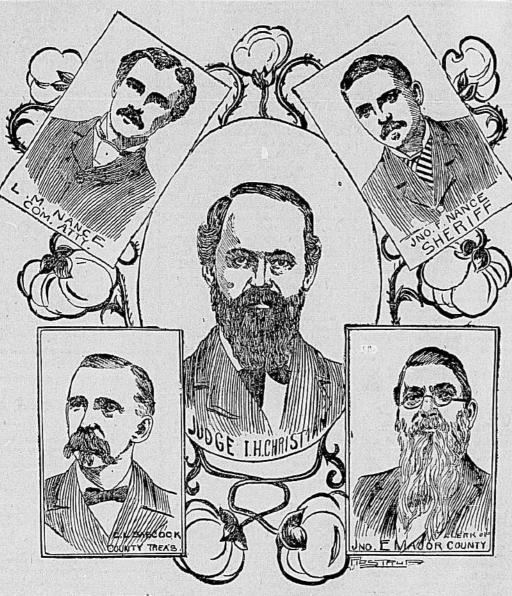
Mr. E. C. Harrison, superintendent of public instruction, has given great salfs faction since his appointment to this office. Mr. Harrison is a native of Charles City and resides on his farm, Riverside, where he is engaged in farming and cattle raising.

The chooks under his charge are in a flourishing condition.

The lumber, cord-wood and railroad tie intrest has been paramount in this county for over thirty years and has been the means of bringing thousands of dollars to the county every year, as well as given in the county overy year, as well as given ber cord wood and test shipped from the neighborhood of one hundred thousand the shahp before of wood made test shipped from the neighborhood of one hundred thousand and the shahps interest of Charles City is not for yearly would approximate to the clitzens and when the spring season arrives and the shad begin to "come up the river" the harse and private freight.

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SPOONER FOR **PRESIDENT**



OFFICIALS OF CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

the James and Chickahominy rivers are dotted with fishing boats and for two months or more "the song of the turtle is heard in the land."

CHARLES CITY BACON.

So plentiful have sturgeons always been in this county that they are called "Charles City bacon"; of recent years the number has fallen off, owing to thousands of the young sturgeon or "hand malls" as they are called having been caught and destroyed in the nets at the mouth of James river; but a recent enactment of the Legislature has provided mouth of James river; but a recent enactment of the Legislature has provided against the wholesale slaughter of these most valuable fish and last year the upper waters of the river were once more full of them.

Mr. P. C. Edwards, of the firm of Temple & Co., of Richmond, Va., has conducted a large winter fishery at Tomaheen, at the lower end of the county for several winter.

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cart has superceded the stage coach and family carriage. Thus it is in the broad fields of the plantation, the click of the a family carrisge. Thus it is in the broad fields of the plantation, the click of the binder is heard at harvest time where once the swish of the cradle broke the summers' stillness, but the old and once noted manisons still stand, amid groves of handsome trees, and the darky and it the mule are most necessary factors in the cultivation of the broad and fertile fields, of the gay and wealthy planters who withe their families established the most delightful social life in America. The family graveyards, studded as they are, with marble slab and richly wrought tomb, tell their story. Their descendants, whether they have cultivated the ancestral acres under the changed conditions of post-bellum times, or have gone forth into the world to carve a name, have faced "The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" or welcomed the advent of well-merited success, with the same debonair courage that distinguises their cavilier ancestors, when they builded so well in the early days of the colony that a later writer has most appropriately entitled the scene of their labors the cradle of the Republio,

J. M. B.

Gates After Oll Land. SOUR LAKE, THXAS, Jan. 81.-Arangements have been practically completed whereby Jonn W. Gates, James A. Drake, and their associates, including

Drake, and their associates, including J. S. Cullinan, are to take over the Roche option on the propert of the Sour Lake Springs Company, into includes the best land in the Sour Lake oil field.

The option provides for a price of \$1,000,000. What they will pay Roche has not been learned. The purchase will be made for the Texas company, which is trying to gain control of the Beaumont property.

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him to be well posted on the general sentiment pervading financial and political circles, asked him to what he ascribed the undercurrent of uneasiness in financial enters, General McLewee rapidly reviewed the excellent conditions prevailing in the country, the prospect of large crops and busy industries, and added significantly: "But who knows what we may expect from Washington? The Strenuous One is now busy chopping down trees a la Gladstone, but who knows what he will do next? We may wake some morning to find, that he has decided to oust Germany from Venezuela or has sent for confirmation to the Senate the name of a Sandwich Islander or a Filipino as Ambassador to the Court of St. James. What the party might decide to do after mature deliberation is of St. James. What the party might de-cide to do after mature deliberation is one thing, what the Strenuous One might do when feeling super-strenuous is an-other. This is what makes banks and merchants nervous."

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"But the leading men in the party, General, the so-called leaders in Washington, what have they to say?"

"Nothing, alsolutely nothing; but they do a heap of thinking. The Strenuous One has got them nervous, They feel just about the way the bankers and merchants feel, Their chief anxiety is that the forest will not last long enough to keep him at work on the least destructive lines. There is no doubt, however, as to the future. I was over in Washington the other day and I saw for myself the set of the presidential winds. Senator John C. Spooner, of Wisconsin, will be the man. He comes from the Middle West. He is a man of great experience, a man who has won his spurs as a statesman. He is safe; he is sound; he is conservative. He is a man well equipped for the high office, both by natural endowment and by contact with the world. He was born in Indiana, educated in the University of Wisconsin, practiced law in that State, and has a war record. He will be a Western man." In view of the fact that General Molewee has rare facilities for knowing what is occurring in the inner councils of the Republican party, I would not be at all surprised by developments pointing to Senator Spooner as the Seculing the developments of the Republican party, I would not be at all surprised by developments pointing to Senator Spooner as the

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principle of the snow-ball, that the largest accumulates the most quickly, these companies have during the past ten years been enormous collectors of money. Singly, each boasts of assets in excess of \$30,000,000,000, collectively, of over \$1,000,000,000, in leading roles. His name is George W. Darr. In Pittsburg he was identified with the standard of these gigantic companies, wielding an enormous and rapidly therefasing power, have in the past caused no special alarm in the general financial world, as their managers have hitherto been wary of departing from most conservative lines and of entering the money markets save as the loaners of money on real estate or on glit-edged investments. But a new era is at hand. They have become factors on 'Change. It is well understood that Mr. John A. McCall is in receipt of \$100,000 a year for his services as president of the New York Life Insurance Company. His connections in Wall Street are only equalled by his connections in the service of and on the pay roll of the company whose destiny ho directs with the despotism of a Sultan. Perhaps it is necessary for Mr. McCall to be connected with so many trust companies and banks, and perhaps it is for these services rendered to his policy-holders he draws a salary which is double that of the President of the United States. It is well known that Vice-President George W. Perkins, of the same company, is an active pariner of a great Wall Street banking house. For his value to the firm rumor puts his salary at \$250,000 a year and to the insurance company at \$50,000. most conservative lines and of entering the money markets save as the loaners of

statesman, He is safe; he is sound; he is conservative. He is a man well equipped for the high office, both by a care and and the insurance company at \$50,000. Lower New York with its twenty-story of the west born in Indiana, educated in the University of Wisconsin, practiced law in that State, and has a war record. He will be the choice of the West, and it is conceded that the next President will be a Western man." In view of the fact that General McLewee has rare facilities for knowing what is occurring in the inner councils of the Republican party. I would not be at all surprised by developments pointing to Senator Spooner as the "coming man."

Scenting the demoralization of the palice force in this city, crooks and pannanders from all over the country infort the hotel district. Highway robberles are perpetrated nightly by men and women. The lead pipe, the sanding and the slung shot are the terrible first munits employed. Belated pedestrains hurrying to home or hotel are silter rushed up against a wall, railing for Stoop post to find themselves pinfoned by one burly rufflan, while another rifles their pockets, or suddenly clasped from behind and firmly hold. Sometimes the victim struck from behind sinks to the payement unconscious with fractured skull. Many of these highway robberles are perpetrated by burly women, generality colored. As many of the victims have been taking into the rifles they women, generalized to the first mildings which might be labeled for identification: Banking, Steel, Olicoper, Sugar, Law, etc. Each has a history of its own. What romainties the individual into the interest in the state of the many of the seal part interest in the conditions of the payement unconscious with fractured skull. Many of the victims have been taking in the insurance cound to burly women, generalized to the victims the victims and the victim

tects the codor of liquors or wines, and finding no break in the skin or scalp to idicate a blow, drives off saying: "Not a hospital case, officer; just a drunk send him to the station house in the patrol wagon. He will sleep it off." When morning comes the hapless victim still remains unconscious, and refuses to respond to the awakening process of policemen, which is to club the soles of the feet and knees. The ambilance ig again sent for and at the hospital the discovery is made that the skull has been fract that they make arrests. The matter disc out. No arrests are made, and the police escape criticism.

The streets of New York in the most frequented districts from 10 c'clock at night until daybreak are unsafe for men and women, should the ybe passing untitled the street of the companies of the street of the street and women, should the ybe passing untitled the street of the street

healthy man, much refreshed by this vacation.

Among the men who "have won out" on Wall Street during the fat years is Jacob Rubhno. He is said to have secured at least \$2,00,000. He made a barrel out of Fressed Steel Car and other steel properties. Nobody regrets his good fortune. He is a veteran of the Street and has experienced with others the years of lean as well as of fat.

The rolling up of millions, nay hundreds of millions, by the "Three Giants," the Mutual Life, New York Life and Equitable Life Assurance Society, has been gothing on these forty years past. On the principle of the snow-ball, that the largest accumulates the most quickly, these companies have during the past ten years.

A new man has experted Morgan & Co.

What can be more tragic or pitiful than an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue without extenuating circumstances. Such is an honest man converted into a rogue with cout extenuating circum

Vances of John W. Gates, of Chicago.

I see so many evidences of the influence of the Pacific trade in this community, that I feel it a duty to call the attention of young men to the opportunities the California coast affords the enterprising. Take, for instance, the lumber trade. An Oregon lumber company has just had built at the Newport News Shipbullding Company's yards a steel vessel, with a single screw, which is unique in many particulars for the lumber trade. It is by these occasional evidences of enterprise on the Pacific coast that we on the Atlantic seaboard begin to realize the rapid growth of trans-Rocky mountain territory.

CAKEWALK BEFORE KING

Performances of American Women Please British Monarch.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—King Edward is the latest victim of the cakewalk craze. Whenever an American girl is about to be introduced to him now his first tues-tion is: "Can she cakewalk?"

Mrs. Lawrence Townsend completely coptivated the king at Sandringham by a graceful, agile performance of the cake-walk. She dances it on Parislan lines, with less arm and figure movement than in the street version was to the cake-with the street version.

in the stage version.

Mrs. Townsend is the wife of the United States Miluster to Beigium. As was cabled to the Chicago Inter Ocean not long ago, she is the American social success of the moment here, and promises to become an important personage in London society. She always dresses beautifully, has good looks, is intelligent,

beautifully, has good looks, is intelligent, and, what counts for much just now, plays bridge well.

After taking Homburg society by storm, she came here, made influential friends, was invited to be one of King Edward's guests at a house, party at Bandringham, and since then has been the bright particular star in the fashionable firmament.

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BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

It Will be Drawn by Judge Daniel B. Lucas It is Said-Sketch of the Life

of the Famous Steamboat

The bill which, it is said, will be prepared by Judge Daniel Bedinger Lucas and introduced in the West Virginia Legislature providing for a monument to James Rumsey, the inventor of the steamboat, should pass without opposi-tion. The late Colonel Alexander R. Boteler, of Shepherdstown, endeavored without success to get such a monument, and now it is gratifying that Judge Lucas has taken up the work. James Rumsey was a Marylander, and it was in Maryland waters that the first steamboat that was ever made floated. Maryland, therefore, should contribute to this monument, which should stand on the high bluff at Shepherdstown, overlooking the scene of the trial trip of this steamboat, which was made on a beautiful stratch of the Potomac river in Washington county. In addition to this a splendid monument to this distinguished inventor should be erected near the banks of the Potomac at Washington. The application of steam to navigation was one of the most important elements in the advancement of the United States to power and prosperity. While Rumsey's method was not finally adopted, there can be but little doubt he first practically suggested the idea of the sphilcation of steam to navigation, and it is probable that Fulton got his inspiration from Rumsey.

MADE HIS ENGINE.

Rumsey's invention was made at a time when there was perhaps not a steam engine in the whole United States. He made his own engine with an iron pot and a number of gun barrels and propelled his boat by pumping in water through a trunk at the bow of the boat and expelling it at the stem. The force of the effluent water carried the boat forward against a strong current at the rate of from four to six miles an hour.

That Rumsey propelled a beat by steam twenty-three years before Putton launched the Clermont on the Hudson is a matter of history. Washington certified to and the next year Maryland passed an act giving him the same exclusive right upon the rivers of that State. In 18th Congress voted a gold medal to James Rumsey's invention. In the patent office report for 1849-750 we believe there is a reprint of Rumsey's pamphlet containing certificates of those who witnessed the trial trip of his boat at Shepherdstown in December, 1785.

GEORGE WASHINGTON A WITNESS.
Rumsey's first experiments were made in the Potomac, near Berkeley Springs. W

Given under my hand, at the town of Bath, county of Berkeley, in the State of Virginia, this 7 th day of September, 1784.

1784. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

James Rumsey was born on Bohemia Manor, in Cecil county, in 1743. He learned the trade of millwright and made a number of useful inventions in mill machinery. At the outbreaky of the Revolutionary War he enlisted in the American Army, and probably attracted the attention of Washington, for afterward he was appointed superintendent of the Potomae Navigation Company, which was one of Washington's enterprises. Immediately after the war Rumsey was in partnership with Nicholas Orrick in keeping a store at Bath, now Berkeley, Springs, and spent his time experimenting with his steamboat. In a potitor ing with his steamboat. In a petition to the Maryland Legislature, which was read by that body November II, 1784, Rumsey said that he had then been engaged for soveral years in perfecting a plan to move boats by stam. It was on December 7 and 11, 1785, that the trial trips were made in the Petomac at Shepherdstown. Among those who with nessed it were General Horatio Gates,

Shepherdstown. Among those who with nessed it were General Horatio Gates, General Stephen, General Darke, Mr. Bedlinger, Dr. Alexander of Baltimore, and others. A part of the queer matchinery in the boat then tried is now in the National Musseum at Washington.

THE RUMSEYAN SOCIETY.

After the Shepherdstown experiment the "Rumseyan Society" was formed, of which Benjamin Franklin was president. This society sent Rumsey to England. It London he built a boat of 100 tons bunden, but was so greatly embarrassed for want of funds that his boat was selzed by creditors upon the day of the trial trip and he was not permitted to movid, although a distinguished company had gathered to see it. The misfortunes of the inventor excited the sympathy of some English gentlemen, who arranged for a lecture by Rumsey to raise funds it prosecute his great work. The evening came and Rumsey, who had anticipated failure, was astonished when the curtain arose to find himself face to face with a large and brilliant audience. But the turn in his affairs had come too late. As he began to speak he fell to the floor insonsible, and died of apoplexy the next day. The Washington Spy, published at Hagerstown, Md., on March 15, 1703, contained this news item: "Mr. Rumsey, of this State, who had distinguished himself by several useful mechanical inventions and latterly applied to propelling vessels by the force of steam, died on the 24th of December last in London, in a sudden manner."—Baltimore Sun.

Smallest Land Sale.

Smallest Land Sale.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Jan. Si.—The smallest real estate deal ever consummated in this city was affected to-day when the owners of the Donaldson Glass block purchased of F. H. Peterson a strip of land three Inches wide by 12 feet long. The price paid was 1500. The transaction is also unique in that it took several months of negotiation and the attention of several is were to perfect it.